

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

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In a former letter I mentioned the illness of Commander Wm. B. Cushing, of the Navy, and I have now to record his death, which occurred on the 18th inst. When it was first announced, it cast a shade of sorrow throughout the land, for where is the American who has not read and heard of the valiant deeds of him who now lies dead? There was no officer who ever entered the Navy whose record was brighter—not even that of Decatur—than that of this deceased hero.

Commander Cushing, born in Wisconsin, Nov. 4th, 1842, was at the time of his death 33 years of age. He entered the Naval Academy from New York Sept. 25th, 1857, but resigned in 1858; he returned to the service at the commencement of the rebellion, and his record since that time is a matter of brilliant history that will claim the admiration of the world for centuries to come.

It would take volumes to recount the deeds of this young officer, and want of space will limit me to a short synopsis. Nov. 23, 1862, Lieut. Cushing, then in command of the steamer "Ellis" entered New River Inlet, N. C., for the purpose of capturing the Wilmington mail, and take possession of vessels found in the river. This he accomplished and destroyed the salt works on the banks of the river, and two schooners. While endeavoring to leave, the enemy opened a cross fire on the "Ellis," and Lieut. Cushing was compelled to blow her up. In making his official report of the action he asked that the matter of the blowing up of the "Ellis" be investigated but was refused by Admiral Lee, who expressed his "admiration for Lieut. Cushing's coolness, courage and conduct."

While on a reconnaissance up the Cape Fear river to Smithville, Lieut. Cushing quietly landed all the men with him, and he, with a chosen few, took possession of the Commanding General's headquarters, but that officer having gone to Wilmington the day before, it was impossible to capture him. The next best thing he could do was to leave a notice of his visit, as follows:

MY DEAR GENERAL: I deeply regret that you were not at home when I called. I enclose my card.

Very Respectfully,
WM. B. CUSHING.

Passing over a number of his exploits in the rivers and sounds of North Carolina, on the night of October 27th, 1864, Lieut. Cushing was found ascending the Roanoke river for the purpose of destroying the rebel ram "Albatross." How faithfully this work was performed history explains: This sinking of this formidable vessel was one of the bravest feats on record, and its desperate character may be judged from the fact that of all the crew who engaged in it, but two, Commander Cushing and the Coxswain, escaped death or capture.

The Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Welles, wrote him a letter congratulating him on the success of his achievement, and said "the judgment as well as the daring courage displayed would do honor to any officer, and redounds to the credit of one of twenty-one years." The Secretary also said, "on four previous occasions the Department has had the gratification of expressing its approbation of your conduct in the face of the enemy, and in each instance there was manifested by you the same heroic daring and innate love of perilous adventure—a mind determined to succeed and not to be deterred by any apprehensions of defeat," and "it gives me pleasure to recall the assurance you gave me at the commencement of your active professional career, that you would prove worthy of the confidence reposed in you."

On the 22nd of October, 1864, a commission as Lieut. Commander was issued to the subject of this sketch. During the years of 1866 and 1867 he was attached to the flag-ship "Lancaster" of the Pacific Squadron. In 1868 and 1869 he commanded the steamer "Maumee" of the Asiatic Squadron. His last command was that of the Wyoming, during which time he cut the alleged filibustering steamer "Gen. Sherman," out of the harbor of Aspinwall, and sent her to the United States in charge of a prize crew. On hearing of the "Virginian" slaughter, he proceeded immediately, without awaiting orders, to Cuba, and demanded an interview with the butcher Barriel. This was granted, and that official received Cushing in his usual swaggering and bullying manner, and in the midst of a ranting speech against the interference of the American Government, he was interrupted by Cushing, who, looking him straight in the face with his keen blue eye and fixing his hand upon the hilt of his revolver said: "Gen. Barriel, this conduct may suit your subjects but it does not suit an officer of the United States Navy. I must know positively, and immediately, are you going to kill any more of the crew of the Virginian? Give an answer. I will not be insulted again." Barriel, amazed and cowed, replied, rather more quietly than he had before, "I will not shoot any more without further trial," and the interview ended.

With regard to the causes which led to his death it may be proper to state that last October, Capt. Cushing became subject to attacks of sciatica, though he had previously suffered from this affection in the Gulf. Last November an unusually severe attack seized him which left him prostrate. From this his course was steadily downward, until his death. His funeral was attended by all the high dignitaries in the city. The body was conveyed to the Congressional Cemetery, and will be finally moved to the Naval Academy Grounds at Annapolis.

The death of a brave man whose character as such has been amply proven by his deeds, is among the saddest events of every day life. Nothing brings to the mind in a more striking manner the weakness of human flesh, than the passing away into the utter helplessness of death of one who has braved all of its terrors and shown himself a superior among his fellow men. So long as there is a record of the bravery of America in her contests, so long will the name of Wm. B. Cushing be recorded among the bravest and best of heroes.

The King of the Sandwich Islands has been feted and entertained during his sojourn here. He has visited the Theatre several times, and was received by the President and Congress, though he still suffers from a cold contracted while on his way across the continent. Yesterday he summoned Dr. Verdi to attend him, preferring the Homeopathic treatment (showing good judgment.) He receives a great number of invitations daily, to visit all of our prominent cities, and has expressed his intention to visit Philadelphia, New York and Boston. This week he visits Mount Vernon, and other places of interest near the city. The King, as well as the members of his suite, have made many friends here by their simple and unaffected manner. Though a King, Kalakaua puts on less dignity than many office-holders who hold positions far beneath his rank.

The President gives a state dinner this evening in honor of his Majesty. Invitations have been extended to members of the Cabinet and their wives, Vice President Wilson, Speaker and Mrs. Blaine, Sir Edward and Lady Thornton of English Legation, Chief Justice and Mrs. Waite, and Admiral and Mrs. Porter.

Pvt. Master General Alvord met with an accident while getting out of a street car. The small bone of the right leg was broken. The doctors think, however, it will not result in a permanent injury.

News gradually reaches us that in Cuba the insurrection has taken a step forward most threatening to Spanish power. For many years the Spanish authorities have felt that the only hope of crushing the patriots, lay in confining them within a narrow territory. With this object in view, extensive fortifications were built running across the whole Island. The patriots have now succeeded in forcing this line. It is said they intend to apply the torch to plantations of the western department, and invoke a servile insurrection, and if they do, a complete paralyzation of business may be looked for. It is near time that the people should look at the *homo in* side of this question, and prevent, as far as we can, this continuous slaughter between the Spaniards and Cubans. "As the Cubans" have fought this fight for years, it shows that they are in earnest and will not give up the struggle until they achieve independence, or die.

A resolution was introduced in the House of Representatives, authorizing the Secretary of State and War to contract at a price not exceeding \$20,000, for an equestrian statue in bronze, of Gen. Zachary Taylor, twelfth President of the United States.

A sad accident occurred on Saturday, afternoon at a place called Browstown, three miles from Paterson, by which three children belonging to Mrs. Eliza Vreeland, a widow, were drowned. The mother had gone to Paterson market, and left the children in charge of an old man named Thomas More, who was unable to persuade them to remain in the house, which is situated on the edge of the Morris Canal. The children went to slide on the ice and happened to go on a weak place, where they all went down. They had been out about three hours before the old man suspected there was anything wrong, and when he raised the alarm the children were nowhere to be found. After considerable search a man named Henry Lambert observed a little red shawl beneath the ice, a few feet from a spot where it had been broken. He then broke the ice further, and diving down found the two little girls, Katie and Ellen, aged respectively eight and seven years, locked in a death embrace. Going down again, he found the little boy, who appeared to have drifted for some distance, about twenty yards further up the canal. A reporter visited the scene of the calamity yesterday morning. It was a pitiable sight to see the mother reclining over the deceased children and imploring them to speak to her. The corner, after hearing the facts, did not consider it necessary to hold an inquest, though no one saw the accident. The father of the children, Mr. Charles E. Vreeland, died about four years ago, appointing Father McNulty, of Paterson, their guardian.

A despatch from Hong Kong, of Dec. 19, says: "The Pacific Mail steamship Japan, from San Francisco and Yokohama for this port, was destroyed by fire on Thursday last, when sixty miles out from Yokohama. The chief engineer, one cabin passenger and seven Chinamen have been landed at Hong Kong. The fate of the other passengers and the crew is at present unknown. They may have escaped to land, but it is feared many are lost. Her cabin passengers for Hong Kong were F. W. Crocker, R. M. Tindell, and Mary Stott. The Chinese in the steerage numbered 424. She was under command of Capt. Warsaw.

The Japan is the eighth vessel which the Pacific Mail Company has lost in the last five years, including the Bienville, which was chartered by the company, and the Alaska, which went ashore at Hong Kong.

"Why, Jimmy," said one professional beggar to another, "are you going to knock off already. It's two o'clock." "No, you nut-head," responded the other, who was engaged in unbuckling his crutch, "I'm only going to put it on the other knee. You don't suppose a fellow can beg all day on the same leg, do you?"

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